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FROM OHIO

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UNSUBS; Theft of 318 Weapons,
16 Blankets, 1 Carbine Rack
From Ohio National Guard Armory,
Canton, Ohio, 10/14/58

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SALLY CRAYCIK (Protect identity) was reinterviewed 11/12/58. LOUIS MARTINEZ stayed at CRAYCIK's home, Wooster, O., several days after arrival 10/29/58. MARTINEZ stated he had been approached before re source of weapons at Canton Armory, but would have nothing to do with it. MARTINEZ stated he knew who took guns from Armory and individual already received money for the job.

Informant in telephone contact with MARTIN RUTHFORD on 11/9/58, and RUTHFORD stated MARTINEZ had "blown whistle" on him and FBI had questioned him. RUTHFORD stated he had no recent contact with MARTINEZ, and if MARTINEZ did not soon call, he was going to "sing like a canary." In telephone

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conversation with RUTHFORD 11/10/58, RUTHFORD's demeanor changed, which led informant to believe RUTHFORD had talked to MARTINEZ and MARTINEZ assured he had told nothing. Informant believes possibly RUTHFORD and MARTINEZ suspect that information furnished to FBI came from her, as the only other logical source. Informant unable to identify photo of SUTOR or VICTOR CARLUCCI, and knows no associates of MARTINEZ in Pittsburgh area.

MARTINEZ had access to private plane, since he stated he flew Miami to New York when he made trip to Toronto in July or August, 1958. Informant drove MARTINEZ to Cleveland Hopkins Airport 11/10/58, where he departed for New York to appear in court for kidnapping charge. MARTINEZ has since called informant from Miami. Informant states MARTINEZ never in military service, due to disability, and has purchased no new Cadillac. MARTINEZ used informant's car while in the area and had little or no money. MARTINEZ mentioned plans for going to West Coast and only acquaintance known to MARTINEZ is BOBY ROSETTI, San Bernardino, California. Informant is not acquainted with Dr. PESSALANO, but states that on Toronto trip, when difficulty was encountered in gaining admission for Panamanian pilot into Canada to transport plane, group mentioned getting in touch with a "doctor" from Miami who would come to New York if necessary to straighten out trouble. "Doctor" seemed important to the group, according to informant, and possibly was called from Toronto.

Informant found two postcards in MARTINEZ' coat with the name SERGIO APABICIA, 103 W. 80th, Apt. 2, New York, telephone TR 3-7914, and Organization Autintico, 2390 Broadway, New York, telephone TR 4-9927. Informant also found stationery from Dixie and Holland Hotels. Informant states telegrams from

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her to MARTINEZ found in his possession at time of arrest by New York PD, were personal and had no connection with instant theft. Informant was at a loss to explain contents of telegram signed THOMPSON, except possibly referring to her encounter with THOMPSON and MARDITO at Wooster, O., as related in first interview.

New York identify SERGIO APABICIA and Organization Autintico, and what association they have with MARTINEZ. Ascertain date of MARTINEZ' stay at Dixie and Holland Hotels and check toll calls made from instant hotels.

Miami consider reinterview of Dr. PESSALANO to ascertain if acquainted with MARTINEZ and knowledge of his activities.

Los Angeles at San Bernardino, California, attempt to locate and interview BOBY ROSETTI for any knowledge of MARTINEZ' activities and associates.

Autostat copy of Cleveland airtel to Bureau, dated 10/17/58 enclosed for Los Angeles for background.

All offices protect identity of informant in instant case, so as not to reveal source of Bureau information.

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